GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF PANIPAT REFINERY
ARUN KUMAR;SHANKERSINH VAGHELA;SUKDEO PASWAN;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether the Government had constituted a committee to look into the various snags/accidents developed/occurred in the Panipat refinery; if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee and action contemplated by the Government thereupon; whether the installed capacity of the refinery is fully utilised; if not, the reasons therefor; and the steps taken by the Government to make full utilisation of the installed capacity of the refinery?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No Sir. However, Government had constituted an Enquiry Committee to investigate into the causes of fire which occurred on 7th May, 1999 at the Hydrocracker unit of the refinery.

(b) The Committee in its report had made certain recommendations on the safety aspects of the refinery. The Government had sent the report to IOCL for taking action on the recommendations.

(c)to(e): The actual crude throughput in 1998-99 was 2.208 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) and in 1999-2000, 4.153 MMT as against the installed capacity of 6 MMT per annum . For the year 2000-01, crude throughput of 5.7 MMT has been planned.